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LOK SABHA

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USE OF BANNED CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of banned chemicals and fertilizers continues to make the growth of vegetables that of a hybrid variety;

(b) if so, whether in the process some vegetables like radish have lost the traditional taste; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to prevent the use of banned chemicals and fertilizers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Government do not have any authentic report regarding the use of banned chemicals and fertilizers for production of hybrid vegetables.

(b): There is no scientifically validated report to suggest that the use of chemicals and fertilizers results in loss of taste of vegetables.

(c): The manufacture, sale, distribution and use of banned pesticides is a punishable offence under the Insecticides Act, 1968. The State Governments implement the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder through regular drawal and analysis of pesticide samples through a network of Insecticides Inspectors, Insecticides Analysts and Pesticides Testing Laboratories.